

MINUTES
GLA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 20, 1999
SeaJay's Restaurant, Jekyll Island

President Ann Hamilton called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. Present were President Ann Hamilton, Gordon Baker, Charles Beard, Susan Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Duke, Linda Floyd, Bob Fox, Robert Hulshof, Alan Kaye, Judith Krug (ALA Intellectual Freedom Office), Ralph and Linda Russell, Mike Seigler, Fred and Lisa Smith, Magda Sossa, Diana Tope, Julie Walker, Linda Wallace (ALA Public Information Office) Wendy Wilmoth and David Bunnell.

Gordon Baker and Ann Hamilton commended everyone for their financial management during the year. They suggested more stress on financial planning and the need for long range planning in the coming year.

Gordon Baker announced that the GLA Store booth had sold out of short-sleeved sleeper shirts and several other items by the end of the day Wednesday, the first day of the conference.

Ann Hamilton thanked Susan Cooley and Julie Walker and the *Georgia Library Quarterly* editorial board for maintaining such good quality for our journal while, at the same time, keeping down the cost.

ALA Representative: Ralph Russell stated that he had nothing to add to his July report.

SELA/COMO Conference Committee: Barry Baker mentioned that he is the only non-Georgian on a conference committee. He asked that we look for ways to work together and combine activities such as the luncheons, or having things like business and awards meetings together, in planning for the combined SELA/COMO conference next year. Charles Beard suggested that we really need to get reservation materials out much earlier next year. The Days Inn is being remodeled and will have more rooms. We need the reservations information at least two months earlier and the reservations need to be made in larger blocks, since we will have a lot more people.

Ann Hamilton mentioned that we should express our appreciation to the Holiday Inn, which got us our preferred dates for this year. The Clarion was also very good about working with the conference committee this year.

Georgia Library Quarterly: Susan Cooley asked that the GLA nominees get their biographies to the journal in time to be included in the July issue.

Academic: Fred Smith reported that Bill Nelson, the Vice Chairman, arranged for people to do a lot of sessions this year and is speaking twice himself.

Trustees and Friends: Leon Duke reported that the officers of this division have two-year terms. He recommended changing the name of the division, in order to be compliant with the ALA Association of Trustees, Advocates, and Friends, to include "advocates " in the name of our division. He wants to have a chairman for the division, and a vice-chairman for each of these groups: trustees, advocates, and Friends. There will be a vote at the business meeting tomorrow. Ann mentioned that they will need to

vote and then bring it to the Executive Board for approval. The Executive Board can vote on it on Friday.

Ann Hamilton reported that Tom Bush is having back surgery and wasn't able to attend.

Paraprofessionals: Wendy Wilmoth reported that the Division Award winners will be introduced at the Business Meeting on Thursday.

Public Library Division: Magda Sossa reported that, at the business meeting on Thursday, she and Linda Floyd, the Vice-Chair, will propose a slate of candidates for 1999-2000 to the membership. The slate is comprised of Linda Floyd, Chair; Mary Beachum, Vice-Chair; and Bonnie Boatright, Secretary. Division membership will have the opportunity to review the slate at the Public Library/Trustees and Friends Division Luncheon to be held on Thursday, October 21 at the COMO conference.

Author and Atlanta Journal/Constitution essayist Lee May is scheduled as the luncheon speaker for the Public Library Trustees and friends Division. Mr. May's books will be sold to those attending. NOTE: At the suggestion of Treasurer Gordon Baker, proceeds for the book sale will be donated to the Hubbard Scholarship. This item was not mentioned at the meeting in deference to discussing the plan with Mr. May and seeking his endorsement.)

The Children's Services Section in Public Libraries Division has been very active during the year. Their activities will culminate at the conference where they will sponsor a storytelling program and a session moderated by Julie Cummins, Children's Services Coordinator for the New York Public Library. This program was co-sponsored by the Office of Public Library Services.

Magda Sossa has worked with Mary Jean Hartel, Athens, and Steve Baughman, SOLINET, to implement the proper organizational procedures regarding forming a section for Young Adult librarians, much like the Children's Services section. Mary Jean Hartel plans to circulate a petition during the COMO conference and present the petition to the GLA Executive Board at the meeting on Friday, October 22.

Concern was expressed regarding the low number of programs specifically geared to public librarians. After some general discussion as to the reasons this may have occurred, it was generally agreed that active participation by a public library representative to the program committee may ensure more participation in the future.

School Division: Gordon Baker reported that he is looking for officers for this division.

Special Libraries: Robert Hulshof. Brief report.

Interest Groups: Linda Floyd reported that a majority of the interest groups have at least one program each planned for COMO. She is seeking an Interest Group Council Chair for the new year. Traditionally, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Interest Group Council attend the Executive Board meetings.

Administration: Steve Baughman says that Michelle Behr will be taking over his job at SOLINET, including this contract. He thinks we'll like working with her.

There was no Old Business.

Ann Hamilton had sent a copy of the proposed SOLINET contract to the board in advance of the meeting.

Ralph Russell moved that the Executive Board accept the contract as written. Mike Seigler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Scholarship Committee: Bob Fox stated that the Scholarship Committee voted to request approval for a change in the terms of the scholarship award, so that the recipient has three years to complete work on the degree, rather than two years. Alan Kaye moved that the Executive Board approve this change. Diana Tope seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Charles Beard and Ann Hamilton stated that GLA has been asked by ALA to nominate people—living or dead—to be honored as library advocates for our state. Ten people from each state will be chosen as “Champions of Libraries” and will be honored at a banquet at ALA next summer. ALA is suggesting that these may be more non-librarians than librarians, but librarians are not excluded. Ann Hamilton needs us to send her names.

Ann Hamilton announced the slate of officers for GLA for 1999-2000. They are:

President:	Michael Seigler
1 st Vice-President	Eddie McLeod
2 nd Vice-President	Debbie Manget
Secretary	Gayle Christian
Treasurer	Gordon Baker

January 20 will be Georgia Legislative Day. The Mumford print will feature the new Catoosa County Public Library.

New president Mike Seigler will be sending committee preference forms out to the membership right away. The Leadership Conference will be the 3rd or the 10th of December. Mike welcomes suggestions for committees.

The Executive Board will meet at 1:00 after the Third General Session, with the new president presiding.

The meeting was adjourned.